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DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

TO: J. M. MARTINAC SHIPBUILDERS

TODD PACIFIC SHIPYARD

RE: NEW 144 - AUTO FERRIES
DESIGN - BUILD CONTRACT NO. 00-6674

NOTICE TO PROCEED

Washington State Ferries appreciates the commitment represented by your Notices of Intent dated August 24, 2006 and September 25, 2006 respectively. Your participation in the New 144-Auto Ferry Design-Build RFP Phase II process is acknowledged.

Pursuant to Section 1.7 of RFP Volume II, please consider this notice as your Phase II NTP to proceed with the preparation of Technical Proposals pursuant to the RFP Documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Humphreys".

David H. Humphreys
Vessel Project Engineer
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